

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL NOTE**

**HB 2202 - SB 2383**

February 19, 2018

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Requires a party perfecting an appeal from general sessions court to circuit court to provide written notice to all parties to such suit.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**NOT SIGNIFICANT**

Assumptions:

- Tennessee Code Annotated § 27-5-101 et seq. governs the procedure for seeking an appeal to circuit court from the judgment of a general sessions court.
- Tennessee Code Annotated § 27-5-108 requires the party perfecting such an appeal in a case in which comparative fault is an issue at trial to serve written notice upon all parties against which an appeal is taken.
- The proposed legislation requires the appealing party to serve written notice to all parties, regardless of whether comparative fault was an issue at trial.
- Assuming that the failure to adhere to the notice requirements under the proposed legislation will not prevent the circuit court from exercising jurisdiction over the appeal, the proposed legislation will not result in any cases being dismissed.
- Any impact to the court system can be accommodated within existing resources.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Krista M. Lee".

Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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